

January 16, 2025



***~ Join Us this Sunday, January 19, 2025 ~***

***with Senior Pastor Erik Hall***

***Sermon Title - Building on the Rock***

***Christians need to make Jesus the foundation on which their lives are built, period. If we don't, then it's impossible to be faithfully 'Christian.' Similarly, our faith communities (churches) must be led by faithful Christians; if not, then it will never grow and mature in its mission to make disciples.***

***Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:24-27***

**8:00am - Worship and Communion Service - Sanctuary**

**9:00am - Contemporary - Stainton Room**

**10 - 10:45 - Sunday School**

**11am - Traditional Worship - Sanctuary**

You can learn more about our worship, ministries, and other events on our website, [www.makingwaves.church](http://www.makingwaves.church). You can also stop in or contact the church office at 609-399-2988 if you want to know more, if you need help, or if you are able to donate your time and energy. St. Peter's is located at 501 E. 8th Street in Ocean City. We invite you to stay connected, grow your faith, and join us in "Making Waves" of difference by sharing Jesus with Ocean City and the world.



Please remember those who need your prayers this week.  
Pray for all of our church family who are sick, isolated, disconnected and afraid  
Pray for members of our church family servicing in our military.  
Pray for our leaders and our healthcare workers  
Pray for those struggling with addiction and mental health  
Pray for all who grieve this day.  
Pray for all students and teachers.

Andrea, Marilyn Aishton, The Abbott Family, Abby, Amelia, Brandon, Charlie, Neddy, Nicole, Megan Atkinson, Lee Allen, June Appleton, Jessica B., Matt Bechta, Bill Bender, Alice Brown, Bill Z, Ed C., Donna Chapman, Josie Chivalette, Joyce Pullan Copeland, Linda Coyle & Family, Bob Cantz, Tina Curione, Evelyn DeFazio, Carol DeMill, Shirley Deming, Shirley Doerrmann & Family, Rosemarie Duncan, Daniel Durkin, Eilenberg Family, Kim Ford, Denise Gaskill, Phyllis Giles, Emma May Goddard, Frank J. Grass, Kim Gremo, Julie Mason Groob, Nick Hand, Clara Hanjian and Family, Chris Harris, Shirley Haskell, Bob Hill, Lukasz Hrabski, Sharon Hotchkiss, Annie Houdart, Kevin Hrtianski, Sandy Hrtianski, Sue & Ozzie Jordan, Lois King, John, Judy, Norma Juzwiak, Ed Kenney, Constantine Kokkinos, The Laird Family, Normalee Linforth, Mike Kubaska, Wayne Maguire, David (Mac) Mascione & Family, Bobbie Mario, Chris Marple, Don Marple, Kenny Marple, Wanda Marple, Andy Martin Paul M., Bill McCord, Helen McNamara, Olga Messina, Helen Miller, Al Nicolosi, Bernice Nolte, Tracey O'Brien, Peggy & Steve Oden, Charlene Oldfield, Marianne Oliver, Della Ostien, Eleanor Parker, George Pierpoint III, David Powell & family, Haley Raineer, Sandra Rigg, Joan Robertson, Zacci Robertson, Barbara & Joe Rodrigues, Gary Rushmer, Rev. Edward Rusk, Gloria S., Margaret Schock, Jillian Schoenstein, Carol Schoff, Joe Skultin, Barbara Smith, Robin Smith, Jacob Snow, Manfred Stahl, Spear Family, Swen Swenson, Ken Thorpe, Bob Vallerschamp and Family, Pauline Wallace, Dawn Wassinger, Patrick Withers; **all people with cancer diagnose; and all unspoken requests.**

Please note: Names will only be listed if permission is obtained. Please confirm friends and family are comfortable having their name sent on the electronic mailing list. If you would like your name to be added (or removed), please email or call the church office

### Altar Flowers

Do you enjoy seeing the flowers on the altar on Sunday?  
Consider Purchasing the Altar Flowers!!  
It's a Great way to Honor or Remember the One's in Your Life!!  
It will be announced in the Tidings and During the Worship Service!  
\$30 - For Two Vases - \$25 Special Basket on the Altar  
Call or Email the Church Office to secure your date!  
(609)-399-2988 / [churchoffice@stpoc.org](mailto:churchoffice@stpoc.org)

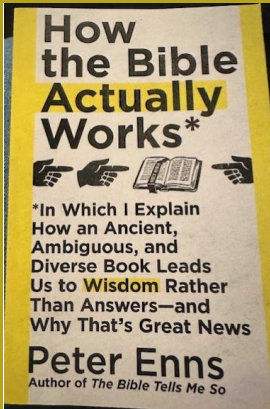


**Revival: Faith as John Wesley Lived It**  
Beginning 1/20: Mondays 10:00-11:00am in-person  
Tuesdays 7:00-8:00pm in-person or ZOOM

Experience grace and faith as we discover and explore our Methodist heritage. Join us for this six-week book and video-driven study and discussion series with Adam Hamilton as he travels to England, following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian.

**This is also a great introduction to those who are interested in traveling with St. Peter's UMC to England for a Wesley Heritage Tour and Pilgrimage in October of 2025!**

Call or email the church office for the book or to sign up for zoom. Contact Pastor Erik ([erik@stpoc.org](mailto:erik@stpoc.org)) for details regarding the trip in October.



## Adult Sunday School resumes January 19th, at 10 am!

How you ever wondered how the Bible actually work?  
Author and Biblical Scholar, Peter Enns, has just the book  
for you!

*How the Bible Actually Works\* (\*In Which I Explain How an  
Ancient, Ambiguous, and Diverse Book Leads Us to  
Wisdom Rather Than Answers—and Why That's Good  
News).* What a mouthful for a book title! But it describes exactly  
what this study will help us to discover. Come and join us in the  
Mary Marr Room for a lively, faith-deepening discussion.

Books are available in the church office or speak to/call/email  
Pastor Kathleen to get a copy.



## MUSIC AT 11....

Our hymns this week were written in two different centuries. The 17th and the 20th.

Praise to the Lord the Almighty is based on Psalm 103: verses 1-6 and Psalm 150 verse 6 and is one of the most exuberant hymns of praise in the hymnal. It has a "galloping" rhythm and 14 syllables in each of the first two lines. The author Joachim Neander, who only lived 30 years, knew the tune from an earlier chorale and wrote his magnificent text as a praise to God marrying it with the tune "Lobe Den Herren." (Praise to the Lord)

Fred Pratt Green was one of the most prolific hymn writers of the 20th century, and is well known for his willingness and enthusiasm in writing hymns "on demand" and for special occasions. In 1967 he received a request from the Methodist hymnal committee of Great Britain for "a hymn which tackled the relationship of Sabbath and Sunday." His willingness also to make alterations is reflected in his comment about the "Lutheran Book of Worship" when it included this hymn. He wrote: "The changes asked for by your committee have improved it." This is a powerful hymn about the mission of the church. Lee Hastings Bristol Jr. (of the Bristol/Meyers family) wrote the tune for this hymn. He was President of Westminster Choir College from 1962-1969.

The text of our closing hymn was also written by Joachim Neander in 1680 and translated into English in 1986. The text was originally to be sung as a table Grace. English composer Herbert Howells has written a grand and beautiful tune to this text.



During the month of JANUARY, as you put decorations away, if some decorations need to find a new home . . .

UWF are accepting all new treasures for Christmas Sale 2025!

Please bring your treasures to the back door and mark the box "Christmas Sale".

We thank you for all your donations

RENEW  
RESTORE  
REFRESH

*Be renewed in the spirit of your mind.  
Ephesians 4:23*

Join us for a time of  
relaxation and renewal  
as we rest in our God's love.

Continental Breakfast \* Presentations  
\* Workshops \* Prayer Stations

February 1, 2025

9:00 - 12:30

\$10.00

St. Peter's UMC  
Ocean City, NJ 08226

This gathering is open to all women!  
Bring a friend. Register at the church  
office: 609-399-2988



**The Kids in Mission Group is**  
**Collecting your Old Christmas Cards!!**

**You can rip the cover off of used cards and drop them off at the church office.**

**If you have left over cards, we will gladly take those too! We will use them for a special project next year!**

**GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT**

**ST. PETER'S YOUTH  
"FUN" RAISER  
AT  
JILLY'S ARCADE**

**\$20  
GAMECARD** **2 HOURS OF  
UNLIMITED  
ARCADE PLAY**

**FUN FOR ALL AGES!  
FEBRUARY 2, 2025 FROM 4:00 TO 6:00  
PURCHASE GAMECARD BY JANUARY 29, 2025  
CONTACT AMY: 908-278-7076 / AMY@STPOC.ORG**

Jilly's Arcade 12th and Boardwalk. OCNJ 609-385-1234

**St. Peter's UMC's  
Youth and Church Mission Trip  
Red Bird Mission, Kentucky  
July 6 -13, 2025**

**TOUCHING THE LIVES  
OF PEOPLE IN THE  
APPALACIAN REGION.**



**All Are Welcome to Attend!**

**The Mission trip is open to 6th Graders-12th Graders  
and Adults.**

**There are many opportunities for everyone to serve.**

**Information Session:**

**Sunday, November 17: 10:00**

**Contact Amy for more info: [amy@stpoc.org](mailto:amy@stpoc.org)**

**908-278-7076**

## **UMCOR**

**You can help those who are suffering  
from the wild fires in Southern California!**

UMCOR is already there on the scene and  
bringing their expertise.

You can make a donation to UMCOR for their work  
through St Peter's. If you send in a check please  
make the check out to St. Peters UMC and put  
UMCOR-wildfires in the memo line.

♥ MISSIONS COLLECTION ♥

Missions is collecting items for 2 projects in the Cape May Court House region. We recently met with a teacher from Middle Township and a volunteer from Cape Community Church where homeless persons are being housed on cold nights.

We are collecting new or gently used clothing for 8-11 year old students as well as supplies for Blessing Bags for those who shelter on those cold nights. Please join us to reach out in love and share the light of Jesus by donating any of these items.  
Kids small, medium or large shirts or sweat shirts or pants  
Socks and sneakers size 3-8

**Blessing Bags**

**Tooth brushes, toothpaste, breakfast bars, Peanut butter crackers, chips, cookies (small packs), Life savers, mints, small candies, small tissue packs**

**Thank you for your help with this project and for sharing the love!**



***Super Soup Sale***

***Sunday February 9th -***

***Assorted varieties***

***\$15.00 quart 2 quarts \$25.00***

***Benefits Dominican Republic Mission Trip 2025***

***– sheltering another family***

***Chicken Noodle ~ Chicken & Rice ~ Italian Sausage***

***Minestrone ~ Phil's Famous Beef Barley ~ Split Pea***

***Bean & Ham ~ Cream of Potato ~ Cream of Broccoli***



## LARIMAR JEWELRY

The best 📺 for your valentine

On sale Sunday, January 26th

After all worship services - Benefits the Dominican Republic



## SERVING on SUNDAY!

January 19, 2025

### Martin Luther King Day of Service

We will assemble 100 Blessing Bags for those homeless who seek shelter from the cold on code blue nights in central Cape May County.

Meet us in the Stainton Room following the Contemporary Worship at 10:00 am.

Be a part of our team using hands and hearts to reach out to those in need!



### SERVING ON SUNDAY The Missions Sunday Team

We meet in the Fox Room each Sunday at 10:00 am.

We do many different missions tasks like:

Assembling hygiene kits for UMCOR

Make lunches for the homeless in Rio Grande

Clean the church kitchen

Wipe down pews & railings during cold & flu season

Assemble holiday bags for our shut-ins

+ many other tasks in the church & community!

Join us in being the hands and feet of Jesus!!



## METHODIST MEN'S MINISTRY

The Methodist Men's Group meets the First Saturday of each month 9am in the Fox Room



St. Peter's UMC

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

~ App and Chat ~

THIS MONTH'S PICK . . .

**Someone Else's Bucket List**

**By: Amy T. Matthews**

January 27, 2025 - 7PM TO 8PM

We'll enjoy an **APP**etizer as we chat about great books!

Email Amy with any questions: [amy@stpoc.org](mailto:amy@stpoc.org)



Mark your calendar - Tai Chi is on Monday, Wednesday & Friday's 9:30 - 10:30 am located on the third floor.

All are Welcome!

for information email Ginny at [v.stranq@icloud.com](mailto:v.stranq@icloud.com)

## *Grace Circle*

*Come join us on Thursday, February 13th at 12:30 in the Stainton Room for our Special Guest Speaker,*

*Debbie Biskey from Options For Her  
(Formerly Hope Pregnancy)*

*Grace Circle meets the Second Thursday of each month!*



## EVE CIRCLE

Next meeting is January 23, 2025 at 1:00 at the home of Joan Walker!



## Mary Circle

Mary Circle meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Next Meeting: February 20, 2025  
7pm at St. Peter's All are welcome!



## Grief Support Group Meeting

Our group meets every other Tuesday from 6:30pm to 8pm. The group is open to all adults who are grieving the death of a loved one.

For more information call Jane Taylor 609-412-1855 or  
email: [Janeht927@yahoo.com](mailto:Janeht927@yahoo.com)

Next meeting: **Tuesday, January 21, 2025**  
Where: St. Peter's UM Church

Please spread the word that we are holding space for everyone and their grief.

I always say: "I'm sorry you are here, but I'm glad we are here for you."



## Called to Care

One of the important ministries of St. Peter's UMC throughout the years has been the visitation ministry. This vital outreach to our members and friends by making "check in" calls and visits has served to express our care and support.

If you would like to be a part of this group of visitors please call the church office (609-399-2988) or contact Pastor Kathleen (609-432-2726) or email her at [kathleen@stpoc.org](mailto:kathleen@stpoc.org) to express your interest.



***Veterans Coffee Club (aka)***

***"A Cup of Joe"***

**Saturday, January 18th, 2025, at 9am**

**Enjoy coffee, pastries, and fellowship with other veterans who meet on the first and third Saturday of each month!**

**JUST US TOGETHER**

**Meets the Third Wednesday Each Month**

**6:30-7:30 in the Mary Marr Room**

**AA Meetings Held at St. Peter's UMC**

**Monday through Saturday from 7:30am to 8:30am in Room 121**



**EQUAL EXCHANGE - Fairly Traded  
Organic Chocolate and Coffee for Sale!**

Visit the Mission's Team chocolate and coffee cart to purchase a variety of delicious flavors and blends! All grown by Small Farmer Co-ops! All proceeds benefit St. Peter's Missions!

**Coffee \$12 or (2) for \$20 - Chocolate Bars \$6 or (2) for \$10**

Checks payable to: St. Peter's UMC

Mission's General in memo Line or exact cash.

Thank you so much for your support!



By saving the tabs on aluminum cans, you can help our environment and help families in need. The Ronald McDonald House helps families with seriously ill children who are receiving medical treatment far from home by providing food, housing, and so much more. The Ronald McDonald House raises charitable revenue by recycling aluminum can tabs. Can tabs have significant value in the recycling industry, representing the purest form of aluminum. The aluminum that is donated to the Ronald McDonald House is taken to a local recycling station where it is weighed and cashed in by the pound. The money netted is used to assist the Ronald McDonald House with operational expenses such as household supplies.

Please prayerfully consider saving aluminum can tabs and dropping them off at church. Collection tubs will be available in the Stainton Room and other locations around the church. The Southard Family, who were recently guests at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House while their son Richard was receiving medical treatment, will collect the can tabs on an ongoing basis.

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### **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

You can send in checks to 501 E. 8th Street, Ocean City, NJ 08226  
or donate online via the church website: [makingwaves.church](http://makingwaves.church)

### **NEEDS?**

Please contact the church office at 609-399-2988 if you need food or assistance.  
St. Peter's invites you to stay connected, grow your faith and "Make Waves"  
of difference in this hurting world.

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Regular Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9am to 3pm; Friday 9am to Noon



For more information check us out @  
<http://makingwaves.church>

OR

Use the QR code.

**DIVING DEEPER IN FAITH - REACHING WIDER WITH GOD'S LOVE  
MAKING WAVES OF DIFFERENCE BY SHARING JESUS  
WITH OCEAN CITY AND THE WORLD.**

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